

# Team Alpha - 294th Infantry (Light) prepares to redeploy

**“The Guam Guys” prepare to head home after a year on the ground with CJTF-HOA**

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Indiana and Guamanian National Guardsmen from Team Alpha, 1-294th Infantry (Light) are preparing to return home after a year providing Force Protection to the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.

The team has served in a variety of roles in Africa from providing security to numerous missions throughout the Horn of Africa to providing military training to host nation forces to increase border security in the region.

“We provide security for the well diggers, for the doctors and veterinarians, and for the engineers who help the farmers, communities and tribal chiefs build and renovate schools and roads to those schools,” said Maj. George Charfauros, Senior Liaison Officer, Team Alpha. “...while we dearly miss Guam, Indiana and our families and loved ones, we remain focused on contributing to the overall success of the mission of CJTF-HOA.”



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Spc. Gregory Fejerman, a member of Team Alpha, cooks for the detachment at Camp Hurso, Ethiopia. The team has become well known throughout the Combined Joint Task Force area of responsibility for their cooking abilities. Often, the team has to prepare their own meals while on missions.



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(Above) SSgt. Bruce Meno, a team Alpha military to military trainer in Ethiopia, discusses an exercise with students at the Ethiopian Military Academy. (Left) Not all members of Team Alpha are from Guam. Spc. David Wertz, an Indiana National Guardsman attached to Team Alpha, provides force protection at a school dedication ceremony in Goubetto, Djibouti. Alpha Company has been tasked to provide force protection for units throughout the AOR.